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REMARKS

The examiner has indicated that the applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species of an invention for prosecution on the merits from the following inventions species of the claimed invention:

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Species 1a, claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Species 1b, claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Species 1c, claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Species 2a, claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17

10 Species 2b, claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18

Species 2c, claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19

Response:

15 The applicants elect Species 1a of the present application for prosecution on the merits in response to the above election requirement. The claims readable on the elected Species are claims 1-5, 8-15. Consequently, claims 6, 7, 16-19 not belonging to Species 1a are withdrawn. No new matter is introduced in this Office action.

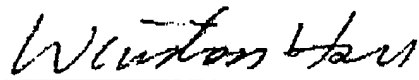
20 Since every Species is covered by the generic claim 1, if the generic claim 1 is allowed later on, the applicants wish withdrawn claims 6, 7, 16-19 of the restricted Species to also be examined by the examiner in the present application.

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